WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. In a computer system having a client/server architecture, a method for generating reports based on information in a telecommunications provisioning and inventorying database, the method comprising:

a server presenting a user at a client end with a page offering parameters for formulating a report and scheduling the running and delivery of the report;

the user selecting parameters upon which the report is to be formulated and scheduled; and

the server interfacing with the database to retrieve information designated by the selected parameters and generating the report in accordance with the selected parameters.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the offered parameters include a parameter indicating whether the report is to be run immediately, at a specified time, or periodically.

3. A method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of the server transmitting a completed report to a display device for display to the user.

4. A method according to claim 1, further including the step of the server storing a completed report in a memory.

5. A method according to claim 1, wherein the database

stores information relating to multiple catalogues and the report

may include information relating to more than one catalogue.

6. A server for generating reports based on

information in a telecommunications provisioning and inventorying

5   database, the server being on a network utilizing a client/server

architecture and being operable to:

communicate with a user at a client end;

present the user with a page offering parameters

for formulating a report and scheduling the running and delivery

10 of the report;

receive parameters, from the user, upon which the

report is to be formulated and scheduled; and

interface with the database to retrieve information

designated by the selected parameters and generating the report

15 in accordance with the selected parameters.

7. A server according to claim 6, wherein the offered

parameters include a parameter indicating whether the report is

to be run immediately, at a specified time, or periodically.

8. A server according to claim 6, wherein the server

20 is further operable to transmit a completed report to a display

device for display to the user.

9. A server according to claim 6, wherein the server is further operable to store a completed report in a memory.

10. A server according to claim 6, wherein the database stores information relating to multiple catalogues and the report may include information relating to more than one catalogue.

11. Computer code running on a server for generating reports based on information in a telecommunications provisioning and inventorying database, the server being on a network utilizing a client/server architecture, the code including:

code for communicating with a user at a client end;

code for presenting the user with a page offering parameters for formulating a report and scheduling the running and delivery of the report;

code for receiving parameters, from the user, upon which the report is to be formulated and scheduled; and

code for interfacing with the database to retrieve information designated by the selected parameters and generating the report in accordance with the selected parameters.

12. Computer code according to claim 11, wherein the offered parameters include a parameter indicating whether the report is to be run immediately, at a specified time, or periodically.

13. Computer code according to claim 11, further comprising code for transmitting a completed report to a display device for display to the user.

14. Computer code according to claim 11, further
5 comprising code for storing a completed report in a memory.

15. Computer code according to claim 11, wherein the database stores information relating to multiple catalogues and the report may include information relating to more than one catalogue.

10   16. A method of a client ordering and scheduling reports from a server for generating reports based on information in a telecommunications provisioning and inventorying database, the server being on a network utilizing a client/server architecture, the method comprising:

15   contacting a network address of the server;

in response to receipt from the server of a page offering a selection of parameters for formulating and scheduling a report, selecting the parameters; and

receiving the report in accordance with the
20 scheduling parameters.

17. A method according to claim 16, wherein the offered parameters include a parameter indicating whether the report is

to be run immediately, at a specified time, or periodically.

18. A method according to claim 16, wherein the database stores information relating to multiple catalogues and the report may include information relating to more than one

5   catalogue.

19. An apparatus for generating reports based on information in a telecommunications provisioning and inventorying database, the apparatus operating as a server on a network utilizing a client/server architecture, the apparatus comprising:

10   means for communicating with a user at a client end;

means for presenting the user with a page offering parameters for formulating a report and scheduling the running and delivery of the report;

15   means for receiving parameters, from the user, upon which the report is to be formulated and scheduled; and

means for interfacing with the database to retrieve information designated by the selected parameters and generating the report in accordance with the selected parameters.

20   20. An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the offered parameters include a parameter indicating whether the report is to be run immediately, at a specified time, or

periodically.

21. An apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising means for transmitting a completed report to a display device for display to the user.

5   22. An apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising means for storing a completed report in a memory.

23. An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the database stores information relating to multiple catalogues and the report may include information relating to more than one 10   catalogue.

24. An apparatus, operating as a client on a network having a client/server architecture, for ordering and scheduling reports from a server on the network that generates reports based on information in a telecommunications provisioning and 15   inventorying database, the apparatus comprising:

means for contacting a network address of the server;

means for, in response to receipt from the server of a page offering a selection of parameters for formulating and 20   scheduling a report, selecting the parameters; and

means for receiving the report in accordance with the scheduling parameters.

25. An apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the

offered parameters include a parameter indicating whether the

report is to be run immediately, at a specified time, or

periodically.

5   26. An apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the

database stores information relating to multiple catalogues and

the report may include information relating to more than one

catalogue.